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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF PROF JOHN BOK

1. SUMMARY: ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES WILL ASSIST PROFESSOR BOK IN HIS ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND ACCESS TO INSTITUTIONS AND PERSONALITIES, BUT CANNOT PROVIDE ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WHATEVER, OUTSIDE OF FRAMEWORK OF IREX OR NSF EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO ION CETERCHI, ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES IS MORE THAN WILLING TO HOST AND ASSIST PROFESSOR BOK DURING HIS PROPOSED VISIT OF FIVE TO SIX MONTHS, BEGINNING IN MARCH 1976. ACADEMY WOULD PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP NECESSARY TO ENSURE PROFESSOR BOK'S ACCESS TO RESEARCH AND RESOURCE MATERIAL, INSTITUTIONS AND PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AND ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECTS OF INTEREST. WHETHER BOK COULD LECTURE PART-TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY IS STILL UNCLEAR. ACADEMY IS WILLING TO ASSIST MRS. BOK IN HER RESEARCH IN SAME MANNER, IF DESIRED. ACADEMY WOULD LIKE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROFESSOR AND MRS. BOK'S INTERESTS AND PROGRAM OUTLINE SO THAT THEY MIGHT BEGIN TO CONSIDER ACTUAL PROGRAMMING POSSIBILITIES. CETERCHI SUGGESTED THAT BOK MIGHT VISIT ROMANIAN EMBASSY OR UN MISSION IN ORDER TO DISCUSS PROGRAM PROSPECTUS WITH SOMEONE MORE FAMILIAR WITH ROMANIAN FACILITIES. AMBASSADOR BARNES, IF AVAILABLE, MIGHT ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE BOK WITH SOME SPECIFIC PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS.

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3. ACADEMY IS NOT ABLE TO DIRECTLY FINANCE ANY OF BOK'S EXPENSES HERE WITHOUT IREX (OR NSF) GRANT IN CONTEXT OF ACADEMY AGREEMENTS WITH THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. IN EVENT SUCH A GRANT IS NOT AVAILABLE, ACADEMY HAS OFFERED TO MAKE AVAILABLE APARTMENT IN SAME COMPLEX IN WHICH OTHER ACADEMY GRANTEES ARE HOUSED AT COST TO BOK OF 371 LEI (\$31) PER DAY. ALTERNATIVELY, HE COULD STAY IN HOTEL, HOWEVER, THIS WOULD ENTAIL EVEN GREATER EXPENSE TO HIM.

4. ACADEMY CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOK CHILDREN TO ATTEND ROMANIAN SCHOOL AS OBSERVERS. MOST OF CURRICULUM WOULD BE IN ENGLISH. ACADEMY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AGE AND GRADE LEVEL OF CHILDREN.

5. IT IS UNCLEAR EXTENT TO WHICH BOK IS PREPARED TO PERSONALLY FINANCE HIS STAY HERE. CLARIFICATION OF THIS AND POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF IREX GRANT REQUESTED. CETERCHI POINTED OUT THAT BOK STAY HERE ON OFFICIAL (I.E., IREX TYPE) GRANT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE ACADEMY TO ORGANIZE PROGRAM WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS. VIETS

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